

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

From an Article on "The Hospital Executive," by W. E. Musgrave, M.D., San Francisco.—By whatever title—managing director, manager, superintendent, or what not—the chief executive is the most important factor in any enterprise, whether organized for hospital, social or business purposes. The title used in hospital work is of minor importance so long as it is consistent with the responsibilities of the position as one of the most difficult of specialties. "Superintendent" was an appropriate title for the head of an old time hospital as it is for the commercial "hotel for the sick" of today. It is quite inappropriate for the administrative head of the modern community service, educational, better health center hospital that is growing out of the present national movement. . . .

From an Article on "Clinical Observation and Treatment of 134 Cases of Chronic Prostatitis," by Lionel P. Player, M.D., and Charles P. Mathé, M.D., from the Urological Department of the University of California Medical School.—The most discouraging, as regards treatment, yet the most frequent condition encountered in the practice of Urology, is Chronic Prostatitis. After a careful study of these cases, observed for the past eighteen months, we have found that the usual methods of treatment are unsatisfactory. . . .

From an Article on "Contracture of the Bladder-Neck and Other Obstructions Thereat, Exclusive of Prostatic Hypertrophy and Cancer, and Their Treatment," by Robert V. Day, M.D., Los Angeles, Calif.—While the literature deals admirably and abundantly with pathology, symptoms, and the classic Young's Punch operation, there are quite a considerable percentage of cases which present anatomical features and technical difficulties that require separate consideration from a surgical standpoint. It is not necessary to go over the pathologic anatomy or the symptoms except to state that there is in all a bar, a tight collar or a firm, hard, fibrous non-dilatable ring. . . .

From an Article on "The Lay Anaesthetist," by Walter R. Crane, M.D.—At a recent meeting one of our members read a paper entitled "The Lay Radiographer," a paper that was clean cut and to the point, and that the radiographic situation in Los Angeles certainly called for. A similar condition exists to embarrass and lower the efficiency of the anaesthetist, and I wish tonight to call your attention to the Lay Anaesthetist, who is not licensed to practice medicine or surgery in this state. . . .

There are certain qualifications which every one who gives anaesthetics should possess. . . .

From an Article on "Report of Eye Lesions Due to Focal Infections," by Leon Wallace Mansur, M.D., Los Angeles (Continued in Front Advertising Section, on page 14)

† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members. Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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Board Proceedings

As announced in the last issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, an oral examination for reciprocity candidates will be held at the Board's San Francisco office, 515 Van Ness Ave., on May 20th, starting at 10 A.M.

A written examination will be held at Native Sons Hall, San Francisco starting at 8 A.M., Monday, May 21st, and continuing through the 23rd.

Applications for either of these examinations must be received in the Sacramento office of the Board at least two weeks prior to the date of meeting.

News

"The Assembly yesterday passed a bill placing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners in the Department of Business and Professional Standards. It now goes to the Senate. The bill, by Assemblyman Brady, San Francisco, would put the Chiropractic Board in Division 1 of the Department, in the same status as the Board of Medical Examiners, Pharmacy and Nurse Examiners. Not only the Chiropractic Board, but any other board which regulates licenses, or controls a branch of the healing arts, and which may be created by initiative in the future, would be placed in similar status." (Sacramento Union, March 13, 1945.)

"By a six to two vote the senate business and professions committee defeated SB. 1004, Judah, which would legally change drugless practitioners in California to drugless physicians. Senator H. R. Judah of Santa Cruz County said the drugless practitioners principally wanted the bill to enable them to perform premarital examinations. . . ." (Sacramento Bee, March 2, 1945.)

"Violations of State child adoption laws by doctors throughout California were charged today by Charles Wollenbreg, director of the State Social Welfare Department, discussing skyrocketing number of illegitimate wartime births. Unlawful practices . . . are being increasingly reported to the department, according to Mr. Wollenbreg. . . ." (San Francisco News, March 8, 1945.)

"Reta Brown, 18-year-old City College student, died last night on the way to a Hollywood doctor's office, after she had confessed to her mother that she had undergone an illegal operation. The sheriff's office sent out a State-wide bulletin asking officials to be on the lookout for Dr. Faye E. Cramer, 48, a male physician, of Hawthorne, on suspicion of murder. . . . Officers who went to Dr. Cramer's office in Hawthorne were told that the doctor was 'out of town for a week or so.' They said he might attempt to flee to Mexico. Sheriff's deputies said that an autopsy will be performed." (Hollywood Citizen-News, March 24, 1945.)

"The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners acted (Continued in Front Advertising Section, on page 22)

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